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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If you give yourself the benefit of all doubts, you can't lose, provided you make the bets with yourself.

From The President . . .

The 40th Annual Nebraska Numismatic Association Convention is now history, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank those involved for a well-organized and successful show.

My thanks are especially given to Elmer Nelson. Elmer has dedicated many years to the promotion of our hobby, and his skills were evident everywhere at the show. His meticulous concern for detail insured all those in attendance an exciting and worthwhile experience.

I also feel a special gratitude for the members of the Platte Valley Coin Club. So many of its members volunteered enthusiastically to help in some way."I'll do whatever needs to be done," was frequently heard at their club meetings over the last few months. It's uplifting to know that these are club members who genuinely serve the people of the hobby. They are not the kind of members who question what the NNA of their local coin club can do for them; they are the people who wish to accomplish something for the other collectors and the hobby.

My thanks are also given to the dealers, many of whom traveled long distances to attend the show. I believe this demonstrates their commitment to the NNA as truly an entire state organization.

But most importantly, my thanks are extended to all those people who attended the show, whether from a short or long distance from North Platte. It is people who make this hobby. And the most rewarding times for me were meeting new people, visiting with former acquaintances, and renewing old friendships. Coins may bring us together, but it's collegiality which binds us together.

I hope to use this space to address issues and concerns of our organization. Please feel free to write or call me with your topics for discussion.

Best Wishes to you all!

Tom J. Hammond

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Stay Active In your Local Club And Ask A Friend To Attend The Local Meeting With You!

Gloria Owen, left, presented Kevin Foley with the Past President's Award on Saturday, April 29, 1995, at the Central States Numismatic Society's 56th Anniversary Convention banquet. Foley later announced that the award would henceforth carry the name of immediate past president Leonard M. Owen, who died last Dec.

(This photo and caption appeared in the May 16, 1995 issue of Numismatic News.)

CSNS Past President Award To Carry Leonard Owen's Name

A traditional award given each year to the Past President of the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) will have immediate past president Leonard Owen's name attached. Leonard passed away this past December and will be remembered by everyone for his dedication to the hobby and to CSNS.

Gloria Owen, Leonard's wife, gave the award for her late husband to Kevin Foley, CSNS past president at the annual convention held in Milwaukee. Foley announced later in the evening that from now on the award would carry Leonard Owen's name.

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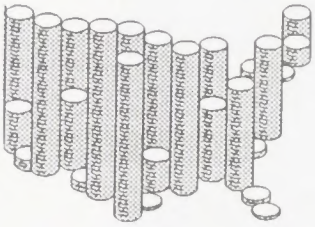

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Elections:

Election results for the Nebraska Numismatic Association are as follows: PRESIDENT-Thomas J. Hammond, North Platte; 1ST VICE PRESIDENT-Ralph Reeves, Omaha; 2ND VICE PRESIDENT-Don Hespe, Lincoln; SEC/TREAS-Steven C. Drake, Omaha.

It was also voted to make the offices of President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President 2 year terms, while the Secretary/Treasurer is a 4 year term. The next elections will be held in 1997.

Exhibit Awards:

The exhibits at this years convention were not extensive due to space limitations, but none the less were top quality and very competitive. The winners and their categories are as follows:

Best of Show - Senior: Making of U.S. Lincoln Cents by John Whitworth
Best of Show - Junior: Error Coins by Tanner Houck
Most Educational: Some Ancient Gold Coins by Bob Kutcher

Ancients: 1st - Some Ancient Gold Coins by Bob Kutcher
Foreign: 1st - Odd & Primitive Money by Elmer Nelson
U.S. Major: 1st - Some Circulating U.S. Gold by Bob Kutcher
U.S. Minor: 1st - Making of U.S. Lincoln Cents by John Whitworth
Misc.: 1st - Some U.S. Coin Planchets by John Veach
2nd - Error Coins by John Houck

The Best of Shows and Most Educational Award winners received plaques for their efforts. The awards in the different were presented cash prizes.

Banquet:

The Saturday evening banquet was enjoyed by all who were present. The awards for the exhibits, and door prizes were given to the winners. A few short stories by MC Jim McKee brought much laughter for the group in attendance.

A Denarius of Faustus Cornelius Sulla

by Matthew V. Rockman

The coinage of Republican Rome is rich and varied. Coin types depict events from Roman history and lore, and the men who struck the coins themselves are often historically important. Of the many hundreds of distinctive types, one coin struck by Faustus Cornelius Sulla in 56 BC, conveys more history than perhaps any other. It brings together a war in North Africa, a ring that sparked a civil war, and the life of a young politician following the traditional path to fame and power.

The obverse of the silver denarius (Crawford 426/1) reads FAVSTVS before the draped bust of Diana facing right. The goddess wears a diadem with crescent, symbolizing her status as deity of the moon, and an earring, pearl necklace, and a second necklace of pendants. Behind her head appears a *lituus*, or augur's wand.

The reverse shows Sulla Felix seated left on a raised chair. Bocchus, King of Mauritania, kneels while presenting a palm branch to Sulla. Jugurtha kneels as a captive with his hands tied behind his back. FELIX appears above to the left. The event depicted on the coin, and the related histories of Sulla's signet ring and Faustus' career, are detailed below.

The Jugurthine War

In 118 BC, King Micipsa died. His kingdom of Numidia, which occupied what is now Algeria, was left to be ruled by the king's sons, Heimpsal and Adherbal, and the king's brother's illegitimate son, Jugurtha, Micipsa's son by adoption. The three princes could not determine how to rule jointly, and so they decided to partition the kingdom. Shortly thereafter, Heimpsal found himself quite dead under Jugurtha's orders. The king's surviving natural son faced Jugurtha in battle, and having lost, fled to the Roman province of Africa and thence to Rome.

Adherbal pleaded with the Roman Senate to intervene on his behalf. Jugurtha, fearing the power of the Roman army, promptly bribed the appropriate number of senators. The Senate sent a committee to partition Numidia, but as soon as they left Africa, Jugurtha invaded Adherbal's territory. Jugurtha managed to lie his way out of trouble with the Senate, but a moving letter from Adherbal eventually persuaded Rome to send an army to Numidia.

The first campaign was led by Lucius Bestia and arrived in Africa in 111 BC. The campaign was a total failure, not only because of Bestia's ineptness, but also because of Jugurtha's extremely successful application of the fine art of bribery. In the following year, Spurius and Aulus Albinus led a series of fruitless and ineffectual campaigns. Jugurtha actually defeated Aulus and forced his army to pass under the yoke. At this point, the Romans realized the error of their ways and elected a consul who had demonstrated his martial capabilities: Quintus Caecilius Metellus.

Metellus was intelligent enough to see what the situation required. Jugurtha was able to replace any troops he lost, so efforts to deplete his army would be useless. Metellus marched around Numidia doing as much damage as possible and intimidating the local population. This proved futile, however, so Metellus took steps to kill or capture Jugurtha. He engineered to corrupt

Jugurtha's friend Bomilcar, hoping to gain access to Jugurtha through him. The plan almost succeeded. Bomilcar betrayed Jugurtha, Metellus captured him, and Jugurtha threw himself on the Roman's mercy. Unfortunately, Metellus did not take proper precautions to secure his prisoner, and so, at the last moment before his extradition to Rome, Jugurtha escaped. Metellus then tried to regain possession of the fugitive king by laying siege to the town in which he had taken refuge. The king once again escaped and enlisted a fresh army of mercenaries. He also persuaded his son-in-law Bocchus, king of neighboring Mauritania, to join the fight against the Romans. Metellus was still no closer to the completion of the campaign than the day he took control of the army. In 108 BC, with little warning, the Senate replaced Metellus with his lieutenant, Marius.

Marius marched 600 miles across the desert to the Mulucha River and succeeded in capturing Jugurtha's mountain fortress there and the Numidian treasury which it guarded. Jugurtha, unable to pay for more troops, decided to risk all in battle. He engaged the Roman army twice within a few days, and after long and bloody battles, Marius emerged victorious. But Jugurtha was still free. Marius' Quaestor, Sulla, entreated Bocchus to betray Jugurtha. Bocchus then considered whether to give Sulla to Jugurtha or Jugurtha to Sulla. Sulla's threats and promises convinced him to chose the latter option. Jugurtha was brought to Rome in chains and died in a Roman jail soon after. Our knowledge of this war comes primarily from the extensive history written by Gaius Sallustius Crispus in 44 BC.

Sulla's Signet

The representation of the betrayal of Jugurtha is significant in itself, for the signet ring from which it was copied sparked a civil war in which tens of thousands of Romans died. Plutarch relates the story thus:

> "For the subjugation of Jugurtha, Marius triumphed, but the glory of the enterprise, which through the people's envy of Marius was ascribed to Sulla, secretly grieved him. And the truth is, Sulla himself was by nature vainglorious, and this being the first time that from a low and private condition he had risen to esteem amongst the citizens and tasted of honor, and his appetite for distinction carried him to such pitch of ostentation, that he had a representation of this action engraved on a signet ring, which he carried around with him and made use of ever after. The impress was Bocchus delivering, and Sulla receiving, Jugurtha (*Plutarch, Sulla 6*)."
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> "This irritated the hot and jealous temper of Marius, who was naturally greedy of distinction and quick to resent any claim to share in his glory. This was the first occasion given of that fierce and implacable hostility which so nearly ruined the whole Roman empire (*Plutarch, Marius 32*)."
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> "So slight and childish were the first occasions and motives of that enmity, which passed afterwards through a long course of civil bloodshed and

incurable divisions to find its end in tyranny and the confusion of the whole state (*Plutarch, Sulla 8*)."

The civil war between Marius and Sulla lasted almost a decade. In the course of the war, Rome was invaded and occupied by an enemy army for only the second time; this time, however, the enemy was Roman. Eventually, Sulla triumphed and was dictator until his abdication in 78 BC.

Faustus Sulla

Faustus Cornelius Sulla was born in 86 BC to Lucius Cornelius Sulla Felix, the dictator, and Caecilia Metellus. Faustus became a soldier and, as his father, rose quickly through the ranks. In 63 BC, while serving under Pompey the Great, Faustus won the prestigious mural crown for being the first over the wall in the siege of Jerusalem. He received the honor of election to the Augurate, the priesthood in charge of telling the future by observing the flight of birds, in 58 BC. In 56 BC, Faustus was appointed moneyer, in which position he struck the coin under discussion. Two years later, he was elected Quaestor and was one of the few politicians to emerge with an undamaged reputation after the following year's election fraud and resulting violence. In 49 BC, when Faustus was Proquaestor Pro Praetore, civil war erupted between Pompey and Caesar. Faustus sided with his former commander, Pompey. The following year, as Praetor, he headed the Pompeian troops in Macedon. After Pompey's defeat at Pharsalus, Faustus fled with a few companions to North Africa. In 46 BC, when attempting to flee Africa for Spain, he was captured and put to death.

The Coin

The coin brings these three elements together. The obverse, which Grueber (*CCRRBM*, page ci) considered to be among the most beautiful of the entire Roman Republican series, depicts the goddess Diana, who was especially revered by Sulla Felix. During his civil war with Marius, Sulla was visited in a dream by the goddess, who promised him success. Behind Diana appears a lituus, or Augur's wand, a reference to Faustus' Augurate. The reverse show's Bocchus' betrayal of Jugurtha to Sulla. The round format suggests that it was copied from Sulla's signet ring.

Few other coins can claim as much history as this small denarius. From bloody conflicts in North Africa to civil wars in Rome, this coin tells of one of the most fascinating chapters in annals of human history. And it does it well.

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Roger L. Winkelhake, left, received recognition at the Central States Numismatic Society convention when Cliff Mishler, right, president of Krause Publications, presented to him a Numismatic Ambassador Award.

Ambassador Award Presented

Roger L. Winkelhake of Lincoln, Neb., was presented with a *Numismatic News* Numismatic Ambassador Award at the Central States Numismatic Society convention banquet April 29.

Winkelhake has served the Lincoln Coin Club for more than 30 years. He has held the offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer of that organization. He has also been president of the Nebraska Numismatic Association, as well as a board member.

He is a current board member of the Central States Numismatic Society. He has worked to encourage Young Numismatics in Lincoln, and as head of the Bill Williams Memorial Fund has provided books and beginning literature to YN's around the country.

Winkelhake is also active in the Omaha Coin Club, Token and Medal Society, The Elongated Collectors, Civil War Token Society, and American Vecturist Association.

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